
Transportation and Communications Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
April 5, 2007

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Harry Baldwin, Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Aldinger, Jim	City of Manhattan Beach
Baldwin, Harry- Chair	San Gabriel
Beauman, John	City of Brea
Becerra, Glen	City of Simi Valley
Bone, Lou	City of Tustin
Burke, Yvonne	Los Angeles County
Dale, Lawrence	City of Barstow
Daniels, Gene	City of Paramount
Dixon, Richard	City of Lake Forest
Dunlap, Judy	City of Inglewood
Flickinger, Bonnie	City of Moreno Valley
Gabelich, Rae	City of Long Beach
Gurule, Frank	City of Cudahy
Hernandez, Robert	City of Anaheim
Lowe, Robin	Hemet/ RCTC
Marshall, Patsy	City of Buena Park
Messina, Barbara	City of Alhambra
Millhouse, Keith	City of Moorpark
Parks, Bernard	City of Los Angeles
Pettis, Gregory	City of Cathedral City
Roberts, Ron	City of Temecula
Spence, David	Arroyo Verdugo COG
Stone, Jeffrey	Riverside County
Sykes, Tom	City of Walnut
Wapner, Alan	City of Ontario

Members Not Present

Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG
Brown, Art	City of Buena Park
Buckley, Thomas	City of Lake Elsinore
Chlebnik, John	Orange County
Correa, Lou	Orange County
DeLara, Juan	City of Coachella
Garcia, Leann	City of Grand Terrace
Glabb, Paul	City of Laguna Niguel
Joffe, Enid	San Gabriel Valley COG
Lowenthal, Bonnie-Vice Chair	City of Long Beach
O'Connor, Pam	City of Santa Monica
Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino County
Rutherford, Mark	City of Westlake Village
Smith, Greig	City of Los Angeles
Szerlip, Don	Redondo Beach/ SBCCOG

New Member

Quirk, Sharon	City of Fullerton
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Voting Members, Not Elected Official

James McCarthy, Caltrans

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

The Honorable Harry Baldwin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Eric Halley, RCTC, stated that the commission had four points they wished to bring to the attention of the Committee regarding the Highgrove Metrolink Station Feasibility, Item 5.3.

The route has been studied four times over the the last 15 years utilizing SCAG generated data. Each of those four times has been found lacking in both issues of patronage and cost. SANBAG voted unanimously to defer any action at this time and pointed out that any new information they would review. The Commission voted 24 to 1 with 1 abstention to reject this approach and reject the station which is located in Riverside County. The collective vote of the two Commissions is about 50 to 1 at this point not to consider this item and to not expend these dollars. Capital cost for 8 trains a day exceed 150 million dollars which is based on the requirement in contract for the Colton crossing to be constructed to go above 8 trains a day. The station cost itself is 20 million for a projected patronage using SCAG data of 117 passengers doing a round trip making it the least productive station in the Metrolink system. Highgrove residents are severed both by San Bernardino and Riverside stations no more than four miles from their home so the necessity of this is unwarranted.

Mr. Halley concluded his comments by saying the Commissions request that the TCC direct SCAG to not continue with the Highgrove Analysis Project.

3.0 **REVIEW and PRIORITIZE**

Hon. Harry Baldwin, Chair, announced that Action Item 5.3 was going to be pulled until the next meeting of the TCC.

Hon. Robin Lowe, City of Hemet, inquired as to why 5.3 was being pulled? Chair Baldwin responded that it was at the request of TCC member, Hon. Leann Garcia, City of Grand Terrace, who was not present. Hon. Robin Lowe requested that the Committee vote on whether or not the item be pulled. A MOTION was made to pull Item 5.3 until next month. A vote was taken to see how many members of the TCC wished to postpone the Item 5.3 until next month. 8 TCC members voted to put Item 5.3 off until the next TCC meeting as requested. 17 TCC members voted to take up Item 5.3 at today's meeting.

Item 5.3 was then prioritized to be taken up as the first Action Item.

4.0 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

4.1 **Approval Item**

4.1.1 March 1, 2007 Minutes

4.1 **Receive and File**

4.2.1 2007 State and Federal Legislation Matrix

4.2.2 State Infrastructure Bonds Implementation Hearings

A **MOTION** was made to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar.

The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and unanimously **APPROVED**.

5.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

5.1 Administrative Amendment to the 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) per SAFETEA-LU

Rosemary Ayala, SCAG, briefed the Committee on the Administrative Amendment to the 2006 RTIP. A draft version of the amendment was presented a month earlier to the TCC and it was approved and released for a thirty-day public comment period. There were no public comments received on the amendment during the comment period. However, FHWA indicated on April 4 that comments would be transmitted to SCAG. Staff does not anticipate any issues that can not be addressed.

The Amendment does not propose any change to the scope, cost, or delivery schedule for any of the projects or programs in the currently approved 2006 RTIP therefore; SCAG reaffirms the validity of the current 2006 RTIP Transportation Conformity. SCAG requests that the TCC recommend that the Regional Council

adopt resolution 07-486-01 approving the proposed Administrative Amendment to the 2006 RTP.

A **MOTION** was made to recommend the Regional Council adopt Resolution #07-486-1 approving the proposed Administrative Amendment to the 2006 RTP. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and unanimously **APPROVED**.

5.2 Proposed Amendment to the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Naresh Amatya, SCAG, stated that staff is currently working on an amendment to the 2004 RTP to ensure consistency with the Congestion Management Improvement Account (CMIA) program that was adopted by the California Transportation Commission on February 28. Most of the projects that were nominated in CMIA came from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) but a few projects require an amendment to the RTP so the projects can move forward to meet deadlines. The amendment is not believed to significantly change the existing RTP. A conformity analysis will be conducted and fiscal impact and environmental issues will be addressed during the next two weeks. Staff hopes amend this plan based on the old transportation statute, T-21, to move forward with the projects. Currently we do not have an RTP that is consistent with the SAFETEA-LU. In order to get the amendment through staff has to rely on the old statute which can be done until July 1, 2007.

The requested action is to have the Executive Committee release the draft amendment for a 30-day public comment period. After the review of the comments staff will then have to hold a special meeting of the Executive Committee to adopt the amendment so it can be forwarded to the federal agencies before June 1st.

Hon. Robin Lowe, City of Hemet/RCTC, inquired as to what the list of projects were. Mr. Amatya stated that staff knew of the adopted list from the CMIA. In addition there were a couple of other project requests that staff has received. Staff is still finalizing the costs associated with the projects. Staff anticipates getting the list of projects to the Committee in a few days.

A **MOTION** was made that Item 5.2 proceed for a 30-day public review and that it be referred to the agenda for the Executive Committee in June to either adopt or reject. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and unanimously **APPROVED**.

5.3 Highgrove Metrolink Station Feasibility

Hasan Ikhata, SCAG, stated that SCAG would be doing a study that reflects whether or not there was justification for a station at this time. If there is potential redevelopment and/or development in the future SCAG would also look into it. The cost of the study is Staff time and should take approximately 2 months to complete.

Hon. Richard Dixon, City of Lake Forrest, stated that he felt Metrolink should be contacted to find out what their view was on a potential station along their tracks in terms of location. The project should not move forward at this time because of the lack of communication with Metrolink on SCAG's part.

Hon. Ron Roberts, City of Temecula and Chair of the Metrolink Board, stated that the Highgrove property is a prime location and about to be sold for approximately 40 million dollars. Riverside County can not afford to put up that much money to purchase the property when it can go someplace else a mile down the road and get a property for one-fourth or one-fifth less. There are other locations in the area that can be used for stations.

Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside County, stated that it was clear that the votes between SANBAG and RCTC reflected that there is not local public support for the Highgrove station. Because of the expense and under utilization of the facility the Commissions would rather take the monies that we have and put them into a station that is going to be beneficial to the Metrolink system. It would be a waste of money to fund a study that will duplicate the results we already know.

A **MOTION** was made to authorize staff to refrain from conducting an analysis of the Metrolink Station in the Highgrove area, which will take into account previously conducted research by the RCTC. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** and unanimously **APPROVED**.

6.0 AVIATION TASK FORCE REPORT

No report.

7.0 GOODS MOVEMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

No report.

8.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

Hon. Lou Bone, City of Tustin, stated that the League of Cities Policy Committee for Transportation, Communication, and Public Works had Richard Marcus, SCAG, and David Chow, IBI Consultants, give a Maglev presentation to the Committee. There were a lot of questions asked and the presentation was received well.

9.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Status of LACMTA's (Metro) 2006 Long Range Transportation Plan

Brad McAllester, LACMTA, stated that the Long Range Transportation Plan was about half way through being completed. The last long range plan was in 2001 and therefore needs to be updated. He stated that there is a funded portion of the plan called the Constrained Plan and the Strategic Plan which is not funded. The Strategic Plan could compete for money in things like the Bond Initiative. The long range plan process was started in early 2006. The board adopted

performance measures that have been used in developing the plan. Preliminary analysis was done to look at financial capacity and a set of projects on the highway and transit side was evaluated and could be added to the plan. The development of the plan was paused around May while the Bond Initiative was being passed. The development is being started where it was left off. An update of the financial forecast was given to the Metro board. There is an anticipated 6.3 billion available for new projects for the next 25 years. The immediate work needed is to take a look at how much money is needed for each project, how projects perform, and developing a preliminary staff recommendation. A draft plan for public review will be developed in the summer and will then go to Metro's Board in the fall for adoption of the final plan.

9.2 State Goods Movement Action Plan

Richard Nordahl, Caltrans, gave an overview of the State Goods Movement Action Plan and focused on what the plan means to SCAG in terms of involvement in securing funds out of the Goods Movement Action Plan and out of the Trade Quarter Improvement Fund. The plan is a response to growth at ports and in terms of the region and congestion across the state. Forecasts show very significant growth in domestic traffic and international trade traffic. The goods movement network in regards to rail is very fragile. The G-map was developed in two processes. The first phase was based on the States Goods Movement Action Plan and the RTP's of agencies throughout the state. There was a focus on increasing mobility, reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, and protecting public health. Another key principle is the simultaneous and continuous improvement in infrastructure and mitigation. The phase 2 report has 24 projects with a value of about 10.3 billion.

10.0 CHAIR REPORT

No report.

11.0 STAFF REPORT

No report.

12.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items.

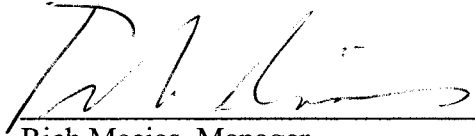
13.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rich Macias announced that at the General Assembly next month there would be a morning workshop on bond implementation and the regional priorities that will be included in the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The TCC is encouraged to invite your City Managers and Planning Directors to attend.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Honorable Harry Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 7, 2007 in Lake Arrowhead.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rich Macias', is written over a horizontal line.

Rich Macias, Manager
Transportation Planning Division

Transportation and Communications Committee Attendance Report

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Sykes, Tom*	Walnut		X					X	X	X	X								
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